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1. Introduction

This is a non-proprietary RSA Security Cryptographic Module security policy. This security policy describes how the Cryptographic Module meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-2, and how to securely operate the Cryptographic Module in a FIPS-compliant manner. This policy was prepared as part of the level 1 FIPS 140-2 validation of the Cryptographic Module.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*) details the United States Government requirements for cryptographic modules. More information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the NIST Web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/>.

2. References

This document deals only with operations and capabilities of the Crypto-C ME module in the technical terms of a FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module security policy. More information is available on the Crypto-C ME module and the entire RSA BSAFE product line from the following resources:

- The RSA website contains information on their full line of products and services at <http://www.rsasecurity.com/>.
- An overview of the Crypto-C ME module is located at <http://www.rsasecurity.com/node.asp?id=1210>.
- The RSA BSAFE product overview is provided at <http://www.rsasecurity.com/node.asp?id=1202>.
- For answers to technical or sales related questions please refer to <http://www.rsasecurity.com/contact/>.

3. Document Organization

This document explains the Cryptographic Module's FIPS 140-2 relevant features and functionality. This first section, Introduction, provides an overview and introduction to the Security Policy. Crypto-C ME Module on 5 describes the Cryptographic Module and how it meets FIPS 140-2 requirements.

Secure Operation of the Cryptographic Module on page 11 specifically addresses the required configuration for the FIPS-mode of operation. Services on page 13 lists all of the functions provided by the Cryptographic Module. Acronyms on page 16 lists the definitions for the acronyms used in this document.

4. Crypto-C ME Module

This section provides an overview of the Crypto-C ME Module. The following topics are discussed:

- Introduction
- Cryptographic Module
- Module Interfaces
- Roles and Services
- Cryptographic Key Management
- Cryptographic Algorithms
- Self-Test.

4.1. Introduction

Wireless technology provides easy and fast delivery of information and services through handheld digital devices such as mobile phones, pagers and personal digital assistants (PDAs). Crypto-C Micro Edition can be easily ported to different embedded operating systems and its features include the ability to optimize code for different processors and for specific speed or size requirements (Note: When operating in a FIPS-approved manner, the set of algorithm implementations is not customizable).

Crypto-C Micro Edition offers a full set of cryptographic algorithms, including public key operations, symmetric, block and stream ciphers, message digests, message authentication and the Pseudo Random Number Generator (PRNG). Developers can implement the full suite of algorithms through a single Application Programming Interface (API) or select a specific set of algorithms in order to meet performance or resource constraints.

With Crypto-C Micro Edition, companies can easily embed high levels of security and privacy into a wide range of wireless applications without being cryptography experts.

4.2. Cryptographic Module

This Cryptographic Module is classified as a multi-chip standalone module for FIPS 140-2 purposes. As such, the module must be tested upon a particular operating system and computer platform. The cryptographic boundary thus includes the Cryptographic Module running on selected platforms running selected operating systems while configured in “single user” mode. The Cryptographic Module was validated as meeting all FIPS 140-2 level 1 security requirements, including cryptographic key management and operating system requirements. The Cryptographic Module is packaged as a dynamically loaded module or shared library file which contains all the module’s executable code. Additionally, the RSA BSAFE Crypto-C ME toolkit relies on the physical security provided by the host PC in which it runs.

The RSA BSAFE Crypto-C ME toolkit was tested on the following platforms:

- Red Hat Linux 7.2 x86 (32-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - Red Hat Linux 7.1, and 8.0
 - Red Hat Advanced Server 2.1.
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 3.0 x86 (32-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged.
- Sun Microsystems Solaris 8 (Sun OS 5.8) Sparc V8+ (32-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - Sun Microsystems Solaris 8 v8+ (32-bit).
- Sun Microsystems Solaris 8 (SunOS 5.8) Sparc V9 (64-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - Sun Microsystems Solaris 9 (SunOS 5.9) Sparc V9.
- Microsoft Windows Pocket PC 2003 ARM
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - SmartPhone ARM (32-bit).
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Service Pack 4
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - Microsoft Windows NT 4
 - Microsoft Windows XP
 - Microsoft Windows 2003 Server.
- IBM AIX 5L v5.2 (32bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged.
- HP-UX 11.0 and HP-UX 11.11 PA-RISC 2.0 (32-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - HP-UX 11.0 through 11.23 for PA-RISC 2.0 processors.
- HP-UX 11.0 and HP-UX 11.11 PA-RISC 2.0W (64-bit)
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged including (but not limited to):
 - HP-UX 11.0 through 11.23 for PA-RISC 2.0 processors.
- VxWorks 5.4 PPC 604 (32-bit).
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged.

- VxWorks 5.5 PPC 603 (32-bit).
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged.
- VxWorks 5.5 PPC 604 (32-bit).
Compliance is maintained on platforms for which the binary executable remains unchanged.

Refer to the NIST document, *Implementation Guidance for FIPS PUB 140-2 and the Cryptographic Module Validation Program*, for resolution on the issue of “Multi user” modes. This document is located at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/140-1/FIPS1402IG.pdf>.

4.3. Module Interfaces

The Cryptographic Module is evaluated as a multi-chip, standalone, module. The Cryptographic Module’s physical interfaces consist of the keyboard, mouse, monitor, CD-ROM drive, floppy drive, serial ports, USB ports, COM ports, and network adapter(s). However, the module sends/receives data entirely through the underlying logical interface, a C-language API documented in the Cryptographic Module API Reference. The module provides for Control Input through the API calls. Data Input and Output are provided in the variables passed with API calls, and Status Output is provided through the returns, exceptions, and error codes that are documented for each call.

4.4. Roles and Services

The Crypto-C ME module meets all FIPS140-2 level 1 requirements for Roles and Services, implementing both a Crypto-User (User) role and Crypto-Officer (CO) role. As allowed by FIPS 140-2, the Crypto-C ME module does not support user identification or authentication for these roles. Only one role may be active at a time and the Crypto-C ME module does not allow concurrent operators.

Table 1 - Crypto-C ME roles and services.

| Role | Services |
|----------------|--|
| Crypto Officer | The Crypto Officer has access to a superset of the services that are available to the Crypto User. The Officer role may also invoke the full set of self tests inside the module. |
| Crypto User | The Crypto User may perform general security functions as described in the Crypto-C ME Developer’s Guide. The User may also call specific FIPS 140 module functions as defined in Crypto-C ME Developer’s Guide. |

4.4.1. Crypto Officer Role

An operator assuming the Crypto Officer role can call any of the module’s functions. The complete list of the functionality available to the Crypto Officer is outlined in the Services section on page 13.

4.4.2. User Role

An operator assuming the Crypto User role can utilize the entire Crypto-C ME API except for the `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_me_fips140_self_test()` method, which is reserved for the Crypto Officer. The Crypto-C ME API functions are documented in the Services section on page 13.

4.5. Cryptographic Key Management

4.5.1. Key Generation

The Cryptographic Module supports generation of DSA, RSA, and Diffie-Hellman (DH) public and private keys. Furthermore, the module employs a FIPS 186-2 compliant random number generator for generating asymmetric and symmetric keys used in algorithms such as AES, DES, TDES, RSA, DSA or Diffie-Hellman.

4.5.2. Key Storage

Public and private keys are provided to the Cryptographic Module by the operator, and their state is destroyed when the operator indicates the key is finished being used. No persistent storage of keys is handled. The Cryptographic Module does not provide long-term cryptographic key storage. If an operator chooses to store keys, the operator is responsible for storing keys exported from the module.

4.5.3. Key Access

An authorized operator of the module has access to all key data created during the module's operation.

4.5.4. Key Protection/Zeroization

All key data resides in internally allocated data structures and can be output only using the module's defined API. The operating system protects memory and process space from unauthorized access. The operator should follow the steps outlined in the Cryptographic Module Developer's Guide to ensure sensitive data is protected by zeroizing the data from memory when it is no longer needed.

4.6. Cryptographic Algorithms

The Crypto-C ME module supports a wide variety of cryptographic algorithms. FIPS 140-2 requires that FIPS-approved algorithms be used whenever there is an applicable FIPS standard. The following table lists the FIPS approved algorithms supported by the Crypto-C ME module.

Table 2 - Crypto-C ME FIPS-approved algorithms

| Algorithm | Validation Certificate |
|---|---|
| AES | Cert. 192 |
| DES (For use in legacy systems only) | Cert. 278 |
| 3DES | Cert. 288 |
| Diffie-Hellman | Non-Approved (Allowed in FIPS mode) |
| DSA | Cert. 121 |
| FIPS 186-2 PRNG (Change Notice 1-with and without the mod q step) | Cert. 39 |
| RSA X9.31 and PKCS#1 | Cert. 29 |
| RSA encrypt/decrypt | Non-Approved (Allowed in FIPS mode for key transport) |
| SHA-1 | Cert. 272 |
| SHA-256 | Cert. 272 |
| SHA-384 | Cert. 272 |
| SHA-512 | Cert. 272 |
| HMAC-SHA1 | Cert. 7 |

Table 3 - Crypto-C ME Non-FIPS approved algorithms

| Algorithm |
|-----------|
| MD2 |
| MD5 |
| HMAC MD5 |
| DES40 |
| RC2 |
| RC4 |
| RC5 |

For more information on using Crypto-C ME in a FIPS compliant manner refer to Secure Operation of the Cryptographic Module on page 11.

4.7. Self-Test

The Crypto-C ME module performs a number of power-up and conditional self-tests to ensure proper operation.

4.7.1. Power-Up Self-Tests

The power-up self-tests implemented in the Crypto-C ME module are:

- AES Known Answer Tests (KATs)
- TDES KATs
- DES KATs
- SHA-1 KATs
- SHA-256 KATs
- SHA-384 KATs
- SHA-512 KATs
- HMAC SHA-1 KATs
- RSA Sign/verify Test
- DSA Sign/verify Test
- PRNG KATs
- Software integrity test

Power-up self-tests are executed automatically when the module is loaded into memory.

4.7.2. Conditional Self-Tests

The Crypto-C ME module performs two conditional self-tests: a pair-wise consistency test each time the module generates a DSA, DH, or RSA public/private key pair, and a continuous random number generator test each time the module produces random data per its FIPS 186-2 random number generator.

4.7.3. Critical Functions Test

When operating in FIPS140_SSL_MODE, a known answer test is performed for MD5 and HMAC-MD5.

4.7.4. Mitigation of Other Attacks

RSA key operations implement blinding by default, providing a defense against timing attacks. Blinding is implemented through blinding modes, and the following options are available:

- Blinding mode off
- Blinding mode with no update, where the blinding value is constant for each operation
- Blinding mode with full update, where a new blinding value is used for each operation.

5. Secure Operation of the Cryptographic Module

This section provides an overview of how to securely operate the Crypto-C ME module in order to be in compliance with the FIPS140-2 standards.

5.1. Approved DSA and RSA Modulus Sizes

In the FIPS approved mode, the DSA key-pair modulus sizes should be between 512 and 1024 bits, and the RSA modulus size can range from 1024 to 4096 bits.

5.2. Operating the Cryptographic Module

The Cryptographic Module may be placed into FIPS mode by calling the `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_FIPS140_operating_mode()` function. After making the `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_FIPS140_operating_mode()` function call, the Cryptographic Module enforces that only the FIPS approved algorithms listed in the Services section on page 13 are available to operators. To disable FIPS mode, call `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_non_FIPS140_operating_mode()`.

The following Services are restricted to operation by the Crypto Officer:

- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_me_fips140_self_test()`

The user of the Cryptographic Module shall link with the static library for their platform which will load the cryptographic module's shared library or dynamic link library at runtime. For additional details see the "FIPS 140-2 Library and Modes of Operation" section in the Crypto-C ME Developers Guide.

5.3. Modes of Operation

There are four modes of operation: `DISABLED_MODE`, `FIPS140_MODE`, `NON_FIPS140_MODE`, and `FIPS140_SSL_MODE`. Use the functions listed after each mode below to enter and to check that the module is in the specified mode.

Cryptographic keys must not be shared between `FIPS140_MODE/FIPS140_SSL_MODE` and `DISABLED_MODE/NON_FIPS140_MODE`.

5.3.1. DISABLED MODE

This mode indicates that the FIPS140 library is disabled, usually due to an internal or caller's usage error. No future transition into `FIPS140_MODE` or `NON_FIPS140_MODE` is permitted. The caller's current operating system process may continue to operate with the currently opened library and cryptographic contexts, but no additional contexts may be opened.

- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_disable_operating_modes()`
- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_disabled()`

5.3.2. FIPS 140 MODE

This mode indicates that the FIPS140 library is running in `FIPS140_MODE`. A transition into `NON_FIPS140_MODE` shall only be made after all `FIPS140_MODE` library contexts have been closed.

- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_fips140_operating_mode()`
- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_fips140()`.

5.3.3. NON FIPS 140 MODE

This mode indicates that the FIPS140 library is running in `NON_FIPS140_MODE`. A transition into `FIPS140_MODE` shall only be made after all `NON_FIPS140_MODE` library contexts have been closed.

- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_non_fips140_operating_mode()`
- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_non_fips140()`.

5.3.4. FIPS 140 SSL MODE

This mode indicates that the FIPS140 library is running in `FIPS140_SSL_MODE`. A transition into `NON_FIPS140_MODE` shall only be made after all `FIPS140_SSL_MODE` library contexts have been closed.

`FIPS140_SSL_MODE` is `FIPS140_MODE` with the addition of those items required to perform TLS in a FIPS140-compatible manner.

- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_fips140_ssl_operating_mode()`
- `CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_fips140_ssl()`.

6. Services

The Cryptographic Module provides the following services. For details of the operation of each of these services see the Developers Guide.

Table 4 - Crypto-C ME Services

| Function | Function |
|---|---|
| BIO_append_filename | BIO_clear_flags |
| BIO_clear_retry_flags | BIO_copy_next_retry |
| BIO_debug_cb | BIO_dump |
| BIO_dump_format | BIO_dup_chain |
| BIO_f_buffer | BIO_f_null |
| BIO_find_type | BIO_flush |
| BIO_free | BIO_free_all |
| BIO_get_cb | BIO_get_cb_arg |
| BIO_get_close | BIO_get_flags |
| BIO_get_fp | BIO_get_retry_BIO |
| BIO_get_retry_reason | BIO_gets |
| BIO_method_name | BIO_method_type |
| BIO_new | BIO_new_file |
| BIO_new_fp | BIO_new_mem |
| BIO_open_file | BIO_pop |
| BIO_print_hex | BIO_printf |
| BIO_push | BIO_puts |
| BIO_read | BIO_read_filename |
| BIO_reference_inc | BIO_reset |
| BIO_rw_filename | BIO_s_file |
| BIO_s_mem | BIO_s_null |
| BIO_seek | BIO_set_bio_cb |
| BIO_set_cb | BIO_set_cb_arg |
| BIO_set_close | BIO_set_flags |
| BIO_set_fp | BIO_should_io_special |
| BIO_should_read | BIO_should_retry |
| BIO_should_write | BIO_tell |
| BIO_write | BIO_write_filename |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_disable_operating_modes | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_fips140_operating_mode |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_fips140_ssl_operating_mode | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_enable_non_fips140_operating_mode |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_get_mem_functions | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_get_self_test_result |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_get_startup_test_result | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_get_version |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_library_is_shared | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_lock_get_cb |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_lock_get_name | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_lock_num |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_lock_set_cb | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_me_fips140_self_test |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_me_fips140_startup_self_test | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_disabled |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_fips140 | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_fips140_ssl |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_operating_mode_is_non_fips140 | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_rand_get_default |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_rand_set_default | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_set_mem_functions |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_set_officer_sign_in_state | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_set_user_sign_in_state |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_sign_in_state_is_disabled | CRYPTOC_FIPS140_sign_in_state_is_officer |
| CRYPTOC_FIPS140_sign_in_state_is_user | CRYPTOC_ME_FIPS140_fips140_library_init |
| CRYPTOC_ME_FIPS140_library_free | CRYPTOC_ME_FIPS140_library_init |

| Function | Function |
|--|---|
| CRYPTOC_ME_FIPS140_library_set_info | CRYPTOC_ME_FIPS140_non_fips140_library_init |
| CRYPTOC_ME_get_default_resource_list | CRYPTOC_ME_get_small_resource_list |
| CRYPTOC_ME_library_free | CRYPTOC_ME_library_info |
| CRYPTOC_ME_library_info_type_from_string | CRYPTOC_ME_library_info_type_to_string |
| CRYPTOC_ME_library_new | CRYPTOC_ME_library_version |
| R_CR_asym_decrypt | R_CR_asym_decrypt_init |
| R_CR_asym_encrypt | R_CR_asym_encrypt_init |
| R_CR_CTX_alg_supported | R_CR_CTX_free |
| R_CR_CTX_get_info | R_CR_CTX_ids_from_sig_id |
| R_CR_CTX_ids_to_sig_id | R_CR_CTX_new |
| R_CR_CTX_set_info | R_CR_decrypt |
| R_CR_decrypt_final | R_CR_decrypt_init |
| R_CR_decrypt_update | R_CR_DEFINE_CUSTOM_CIPHER_LIST |
| R_CR_DEFINE_CUSTOM_METHOD_TABLE | R_CR_digest |
| R_CR_digest_final | R_CR_digest_init |
| R_CR_digest_update | R_CR_dup |
| R_CR_encrypt | R_CR_encrypt_final |
| R_CR_encrypt_init | R_CR_encrypt_update |
| R_CR_free | R_CR_generate_key |
| R_CR_generate_key_init | R_CR_generate_parameter |
| R_CR_generate_parameter_init | R_CR_get_default_imp_method |
| R_CR_get_default_method | R_CR_get_default_signature_map |
| R_CR_get_detail | R_CR_get_detail_string |
| R_CR_get_detail_string_table | R_CR_get_error |
| R_CR_get_error_string | R_CR_get_file |
| R_CR_get_function | R_CR_get_function_string |
| R_CR_get_function_string_table | R_CR_get_info |
| R_CR_get_line | R_CR_get_reason |
| R_CR_get_reason_string | R_CR_get_reason_string_table |
| R_CR_ID_from_string | R_CR_ID_to_string |
| R_CR_key_exchange_init | R_CR_key_exchange_phase_1 |
| R_CR_key_exchange_phase_2 | R_CR_mac |
| R_CR_mac_final | R_CR_mac_init |
| R_CR_mac_update | R_CR_new |
| R_CR_random_bytes | R_CR_random_seed |
| R_CR_RES_CRYPTOC_CUSTOM_METHOD | R_CR_set_info |
| R_CR_sign | R_CR_sign_final |
| R_CR_sign_init | R_CR_sign_update |
| R_CR_SUB_from_string | R_CR_SUB_to_string |
| R_CR_TYPE_from_string | R_CR_TYPE_to_string |
| R_CR_verify | R_CR_verify_final |
| R_CR_verify_init | R_CR_verify_mac |
| R_CR_verify_mac_final | R_CR_verify_mac_init |
| R_CR_verify_mac_update | R_CR_verify_update |
| R_FORMAT_from_string | R_FORMAT_to_string |
| R_free | R_get_mem_functions |
| R_LIB_CTX_free | R_LIB_CTX_new |
| R_lock_ctrl | R_lock_get_cb |
| R_lock_get_name | R_lock_num |
| R_lock_r | R_lock_set_cb |
| R_lock_w | R_locked_add |
| R_locked_add_get_cb | R_locked_add_set_cb |

| Function | Function |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| R_lockid_new | R_lockids_free |
| R_malloc | R_PKEY_cmp |
| R_PKEY_CTX_free | R_PKEY_CTX_get_info |
| R_PKEY_CTX_get_LIB_CTX | R_PKEY_CTX_new |
| R_PKEY_CTX_set_info | R_PKEY_FORMAT_from_string |
| R_PKEY_FORMAT_to_string | R_PKEY_free |
| R_PKEY_from_binary | R_PKEY_from_bio |
| R_PKEY_from_file | R_PKEY_from_public_key_binary |
| R_PKEY_get_info | R_PKEY_get_num_bits |
| R_PKEY_get_num_primes | R_PKEY_get_PKEY_CTX |
| R_PKEY_get_type | R_PKEY_iterate_fields |
| R_PKEY_new | R_PKEY_pk_method |
| R_PKEY_print | R_PKEY_public_cmp |
| R_PKEY_reference_inc | R_PKEY_set_info |
| R_PKEY_to_binary | R_PKEY_to_bio |
| R_PKEY_to_public_key_binary | R_PKEY_TYPE_from_string |
| R_PKEY_TYPE_to_string | R_rand_add_entropy |
| R_rand_bytes | R_rand_entropy_count |
| R_rand_file_name | R_rand_free |
| R_rand_get_default | R_rand_get_entropy_func |
| R_rand_lib_cleanup | R_rand_load_file |
| R_rand_new | R_rand_seed |
| R_rand_set_default | R_rand_set_entropy_func |
| R_rand_write_file | R_realloc |
| R_realloc | R_set_mem_functions |
| R_SKEY_free | R_SKEY_get_info |
| R_SKEY_new | R_SKEY_set_info |
| R_unlock_r | R_unlock_w |

7. Acronyms/Definitions

The following table gives an explanation of the terms and acronyms used throughout this document.

| Term | Description |
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| AES | Advanced Encryption Standard. A fast block cipher with a 128-bit block, and keys of lengths 128, 192 and 256 bits. This will replace DES as the US symmetric encryption standard. |
| API | Application Programming Interface |
| Attack | Either a successful or unsuccessful attempt at breaking part or all of a cryptosystem. Various attack types include an algebraic attack, birthday attack, brute force attack, chosen ciphertext attack, chosen plaintext attack, differential cryptanalysis, known plaintext attack, linear cryptanalysis, and middleperson attack. |
| DES | Data Encryption Standard. A symmetric encryption algorithm with a 56-bit key. See also Triple DES. |
| Diffie-Hellman | The Diffie-Hellman asymmetric key exchange algorithm. There are many variants, but typically two entities exchange some public information (for example, public keys or random values) and combines them with their own private keys to generate a shared session key. As private keys are not transmitted, eavesdroppers are not privy to all of the information that composes the session key. |
| DSA | Digital Signature Algorithm. An asymmetric algorithm for creating digital signatures. |
| Encryption | The transformation of plaintext into an apparently less readable form (called ciphertext) through a mathematical process. The ciphertext may be read by anyone who has the key that decrypts (undoes the encryption) the ciphertext. |
| FIPS | Federal Information Processing Standards |
| HMAC | Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication Code |
| Key | A string of bits used in cryptography, allowing people to encrypt and decrypt data. Can be used to perform other mathematical operations as well. Given a cipher, a key determines the mapping of the plaintext to the ciphertext. Various types of keys include: distributed key, private key, public key, secret key, session key, shared key, subkey, symmetric key, and weak key. |
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology. A division of the US Department of Commerce (formerly known as the NBS) which produces security and cryptography-related standards. |
| OS | Operating System |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| PDA | Personal Digital Assistant |
| PPC | PowerPC |
| privacy | The state or quality of being secluded from the view and/or presence of others. |
| private key | The secret key in public key cryptography. Primarily used for decryption but also used for encryption with digital signatures. |
| PRNG | Pseudo Random Number Generator |
| RC2 | Block cipher developed by Ron Rivest as an alternative to the DES. It has a block size of 64 bits and a variable key size. It is a legacy cipher and RC5 should be used in preference. |
| RC4 | Symmetric algorithm designed by Ron Rivest using variable length keys (usually 40 bit or 128 bit). |
| RC5 | Block cipher designed by Ron Rivest. It is parameterizable in its word size, key length and number of rounds. Typical use involves a block size of 64 bits, a key size of 128 bits and either 16 or 20 iterations of its round function. |
| RNG | Random Number Generator |
| RSA | Public key (asymmetric) algorithm providing the ability to encrypt data and create and verify digital signatures. RSA stands for Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman, the developers of the RSA public key cryptosystem. |
| SHA | Secure Hash Algorithm. An algorithm which creates a unique hash value for each possible input. SHA takes an arbitrary input which is hashed into a 160-bit digest. |
| SHA-1 | A revision to SHA to correct a weakness. It produces 160-bit digests. SHA-1 takes an arbitrary input which is hashed into a 20-byte digest. |
| SHA-2 | The NIST-mandated successor to SHA-1, to complement the Advanced Encryption Standard. It is a family of hash algorithms (SHA-256, SHA-384 and SHA-512) which produce digests of 256, 384 and 512 bits respectively. |
| Triple DES | A variant of DES which uses three 56-bit keys. |

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